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Throat Cutting Charge Hurlled by Dairy Owners

Cow Ban Law Sets Deadline

Amid charges of "throat cutting," the City Council set June 10 as the date of a public hearing on a proposed ordinance which will evict 11 dairies by Jan. 1, 1960.

The controversial law which has stirred dairy owners to anger, finds that their operation is a public nuisance and incompatible with residential use of the city because of odors, flies, mosquitoes and pollution.

Many Witnesses
Sidney Bleifeld, attorney for the cattlemen, announced that he intends to call a number of witnesses at the public hearing. "These people would like to be heard before you cut their throats," he snapped.

City Manager George Stevens meanwhile announced that more than 2600 cards and letters protesting the dairy ban and the cat license law on which a public hearing will be held May 27, have been received by his office.

The ordinance which was presented Tuesday by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, also provides that no dairyman may increase the size of his herd after July 1.

The law also provides an extension clause.
Higher Prices
Dairymen pointed out previously that not only do they oppose the closing of their businesses, some of which have been in Torrance for 20 years, but assert that if they are shut down, it will bring an increase in milk prices.

One owner, Stan Voges, of Inglewood Farms, said that 6000 gallons of milk are sold daily to cash and carry customers who pay 2½ cents per quart less than in markets.

Mayor Albert Isen said that he hopes that Bleifeld will keep his witnesses down to less than the two-hours that he announced will be necessary.

Torrance Oldsters Honored

An open house will be staged at the Torrance Adult Center, 1318 Cravens ave., next week in observation of Senior Citizens month.

The Torrance facility, built in 1952, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for all types of games and parties attended by residents over the age of 65. This age group now comprises 4000 persons, or 4.5% of the city's population.

He invited all senior citizens to attend the club's activities, whether they are members or not.

Jim Daniels and Mrs. Anna Hight will be hosts at the open house all next week.

Other officers of the club are Henry Weaver and Charles Carlton, vice presidents; Carl Gramling, secretary-treasurer. Board members are Harley Haynes, Mrs. Pearl Weaver, Mrs. Margaret Webb, Arthur Jepson, James Daniels and Robert Teichman.



ROBERT H. ELLIS



WILLIAM C. BOSWELL

Hot School Race Nears Voters' Decision Tuesday

A field of nine candidates, including two incumbents, is gunning for two vacancies on the Torrance Board of Education with the most controversial race in years to be decided in Tuesday's election.

The present board members up for election, Charlton A. Second Time

Stories on other candidates and platforms will be found on Page 10 of this issue.

Mewborn and Clinton B. Cooke, are defending present standards of the Torrance Unified School District, while the seven seeking to unseat them, have voiced criticism ranging in severity from candidate to candidate.

Two candidates, William C. Boswell and Dr. Don Cortum, are running for the second time. Both were defeated two years ago.

Possibly the sharpest critics of the present administration, they favor a stronger academic program. Both claim that they have not hopped on a "Sputnik" wagon, but plumped for more fundamentals when they ran two years ago.

Two of the candidates are school teachers. Cecil Sampson is an instructor in the Los Angeles City School District, while Edward S. Ryon II, teaches in the Palos Verdes Elementary School District.

The other three candidates are E. Ray Walker, an operator for an oil company, Robert Ellis, an aircraft process engineer, and John M. Merril, an electrical design engineer for an aircraft company.

Of the incumbents, Cooke is a

Businessmen to Tour Torrance Schools Today

A return invitation by business and industrial leaders to tour the Torrance Unified School District facilities, has been accepted by 90 persons.

Visitors will meet at 9 a.m. today at the new educational facilities building across the street from the administrative offices at 2335 Plaza del Amo.

Dr. J. H. Hull will give the welcome address and principals will take their guests to the individual schools. They will be guests of the teachers at a luncheon in the school cafeteria.

Following lunch, the guests will tour district facilities. The event marks a return of the Business-Education-Industry Day observed in Torrance earlier this year.

School Candidates to Speak Before Northside Group

Candidates for the Board of Education will present their platforms to the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Edison School, 3800 W. 182nd st.

Editorial

Tuesday, May 20, is an important day for those whose children attend Torrance schools. On that day two members of the board of education will be elected. Unfortunately, although the actions of board members influence nearly every home in Torrance, only a handful of voters usually take the trouble to cast their ballots.

This year the election looms as more important than ever before. A basic decision between the present education system and one with greater emphasis on scholastic achievement is the principal issue. Of the nine candidates, the two incumbents favor the present system. The seven others favor changes.

The Torrance Press believes that some new ideas are needed on the school board to raise present academic standards.

We recommend the election of William C. Boswell and Robert H. Ellis.

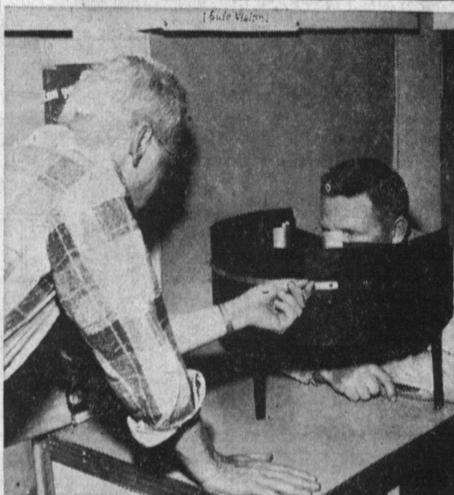
Both emphasize the need for an overhaul of present academic standards to better qualify the youth of today for the jobs of tomorrow.

While almost all candidates believe the district has done an excellent job in its challenging building program, they have raised doubts as to the effectiveness of the present scholastic program.

A change on the board, to reappraise the school system is needed.

Boswell was a candidate two years ago and has maintained close interest in school activities. Ellis, an engineer, has been active in many community activities.

Both will do a good job. We recommend their election.



DRIVER SAFETY—Lloyd Crowther, a Torrance Municipal Bus Lines driver, is taking a visual reaction test given by Roy G. Finley, assistant director of safety of the Interstate Indemnity Co., which is conducting the service in the public interest.

Motorists Get Chance to Prove Reaction Time

Drivers who think they are the world's safest will get a chance to prove it to themselves when the Interstate Indemnity's Safety and Driver Education trailer hits town.

Scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the corner of El Prado and Cravens, the trailer will test reactions of drivers who try the free-of-charge trailer's machines.

Making its appearance through the efforts of the Supervisor's Safety Committee of the City of Torrance, the trailer also exhibits its industrial safety equipment used to cut down accidents among factory employees.

In order to examine as many drivers as possible the testing has been reduced to four basic areas, which, according to J. A. Markel, Interstate president, test the most important reactions of drivers.

Aged Woman Hurt by Assailant on Torrance Street

A 78-year-old woman is in Harbor General Hospital with a fractured jaw today as result of a slugging by a 30-year-old stranger at 218th st., and Gramercy pl.

The victim, Mrs. Francisca Friede, of 1874 W. 218th st., told police she was walking home Monday evening, when a man suddenly put his arms around her.

When she attempted to free herself, the man struck her in the face, knocking her to the ground.

He then hopped into an auto and drove off.

CYCLIST INJURED

Ted Crawford, 17, of 2369 W. 240th st., was taken to Parkland Hospital with undetermined injuries after he fell off his bicycle Saturday, police reported.

Baby Left Abandoned in Church

Tiny footprints are the only clue Torrance police had today to find the mother of a three-day-old baby boy abandoned Monday afternoon in the Nativity Catholic Church.

The infant, wearing diapers, a nightgown and wrapped in a pink and white blanket, was found in one of the church pews by H. B. Schooler, of 1812 Wendy Way, Manhattan Beach, who came to the church to pray.

Normal Baby
Police Lt. D. C. Cook, working on one of his youngest juvenile cases, said the baby was perfectly normal, weighs six pounds 11 ounces and is 18 inches long. It has blue eyes and brown hair.

Schooler took the baby to Torrance Memorial Hospital, adjacent to the church, and later police took it to Los Angeles General Hospital where it was placed in the maternity ward.

"We hope the mother will come forward and identify herself," Cook said. "If she does not want the baby, we'll find a good place for it."

Footprint I.D.
He said that he is trying to identify the baby from its footprints, which are taken by hospitals at birth. Cook said that marks showed that the baby was delivered by a doctor.

He said he will check hospital records in this area for the past few days and find the mother that way.

Schooler, a painter, said that when he discovered the infant, it was cold and wet. The clothes, which were of fairly inexpensive quality, had no marks which could give officers a clue.

New Annexation Moves by Lomita Told by Leader

Some proponents of the defeated incorporation attempt are now "shopping around" to annex portions of Lomita to surrounding cities.

This was the charge today of Mrs. Dessie Myers, president of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Association.

She said that some residents are attempting to negotiate an annexation deal with Torrance, Los Angeles and Rolling Hills Estates.

She said that she heard that concessions had been offered to property owners wishing to join other cities.

But Mrs. Myers declared that only a few, uninhabited pieces of land could be annexed since an election involving populated areas will be defeated.



ABANDONED BABY—Snoozing peacefully at Torrance Memorial Hospital was this 3-day-old baby boy which was found abandoned on a pew in the Nativity Catholic Church Monday afternoon. Police are trying to trace the mother through footprint identification.

Press photo by Milt Sveitck

Council Squelches Lay-off Fears by Rubbish Workers

Rumor of a large-scale lay-off among city employees was squelched Tuesday, when the City Council informally ordered continuation of municipal rubbish collection.

At the same time, councilmen instructed top city management to use more business-like methods to cut the estimated \$481,000 annual cost of city pickups.

A large delegation of city employees attended the discussion and had prepared a statement asking the city not to contract the service with private collectors which would have led to the dismissal of 43 city workers.

The statement was signed by John M. Simmons, chairman of Local 1135 American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees.

Lay-offs
Agitation of city workers over the prospect of lay-offs was caused by a report by Don Mansfield, assistant city manager, in which he said that private collection could be done for approximately \$200,000 less per year.

Mansfield's assertions that municipal pickup costs skyrocket because of three-man crews on trucks, overtime, near saturation of the city dump, resulted in clipped comments from some councilmen.

"This indicates real stupid management on city hall's part," snapped Councilman George Bradford.

Weekend Collisions Hurt Two

Two persons, including a young child, were injured in two weekend-end collisions.

The youngster, Elizabeth Ann Burzon, 4½, was taken to a private physician after the auto, driven by her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Burzon, 31, of 22628 Cross st., collided with another auto at Redbeam and Beran aves. Saturday, police said.

The other machine was operated by Travis Frederick Burpo, 29, of 24010 Huber ave., officers said.

Arlliss Rott, 21, of 24211 Nece ave., was taken to an emergency hospital following a three-car collision at Pacific Coast hwy. and Tullita ave.

The other drivers involved in collision were Robert James Moore, 35, of 135 Via Pesequal, Redondo Beach, and Joan Ann Saunders, 28, of 22621 Gaycrest ave.

Jerry Roberts Wins Exchange Talent Contest

Jerry Roberts of 2615 Monterey st., Torrance and Phil Harris, of Hawthorne were the winners in the district finals in the Exchange Club Search for Talent Contest staged in Walteria last week.

They will compete in the State finals June 26 to 28 in the LaFayette Hotel, Long Beach, according to Fred Korcheny, chairman of the Torrance Exchange Club.

Nab Lone Wolf Safe Burglar

One safe burglary was solved and another one committed early Tuesday morning.

Police believe the safe theft at the Torrance Western Union office last week was solved with the arrest of Robert Lee Mitchell, 37, of Huntington Beach, a "lone wolf" operator.

The ex-con, who served five years in San Quentin for safe thefts in Torrance in 1947, was nabbed during a market burglary in Wilmington, Hank Porter, assistant chief, announced.

Mitchell tripped a silent alarm while attempting to open the safe, and was surrounded by police before he knew that the device was triggered.

Porter said that a number of money orders, taken in the Western Union job, were recovered.

But with the solution of that burglary, police were faced with another pro who cut open a safe inside the General Aluminum Co., Jefferson and Crenshaw blvd.

The burglar cut the door of the safe with an acetylene torch he found on the premises. There was no cash inside the safe.

Leasing House No Problem with Torrance Press

Mrs. G. H. Bliss, of 25926 Market pl., Lomita, breathed a sigh of relief when she rented her two-bedroom house promptly through a Torrance Press classified ad.

She said that the ad ran only once, last Thursday, and that she kept receiving calls all through the week end.

Prompt results when you have something to buy, sell or rent, can be yours, if you call a courteous ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345.

TRUCK FIRE

A fire broke out on a gravel truck driven by George Toller, Monday at 204th st., and Hawthorne blvd.